

**Amendments to the Claims.** (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, material to be deleted is in ~~[brackets and strikeout]~~).

Without prejudice, please amend the claims as below.

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1. (Previously Amended) A language learning system, comprising:  
a body;

a plurality of phoneme selectors coupled to the body, each phoneme selector including a letter, a character, and a pronunciation symbol separate from the letter, the pronunciation symbol indicating a pronunciation for the letter, all associated with a phoneme, the character having a name including the phoneme; and

a target window positioned in the body, the target window being configured to display a target;

wherein the plurality of selectors are configured to be adjustable by a user to spell a name of the target;

wherein the letter and pronunciation symbol are distinguished in that each letter may have a plurality of possible pronunciations when used in different words, but each pronunciation symbol has only one possible pronunciation.

2. (Previously Amended) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein each selector is wheel-shaped.

3. (Original) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the letters, characters, and pronunciation symbols are positioned in respective sectors of a plurality of

character regions positioned on the selector.

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4. (Original) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the body further includes a selection pane through which a user may view a selected letter on the phoneme selector.

5. (Previously Amended) The language learning system of claim 4, wherein the selection pane is adapted to enable a user to view a selected character, a selected pronunciation symbol and/or a selected letter of the phoneme selector.

6. (Original) The language learning system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of phoneme selectors includes five phoneme selectors.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A language learning system, comprising:  
a set of characters, each character being associated with a predetermined phoneme of a language, and having a character name including the phoneme; and  
a learning device configured to display at least one of the characters along with an associated letter and pronunciation symbol corresponding to the phoneme, wherein the pronunciation symbol is separate from the letter and instructs a user how to pronounce the letter as the letter is positioned in the name of each character;

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wherein the learning device includes a [wheel] selector chosen from the group consisting of a wheel, a disk-shaped selector and a cone-shaped selector.

9. (Currently Amended) The language learning system of claim 8, wherein each character and associated pronunciation symbol and letter are arranged radially on one of a plurality of character regions on the [wheel] selector.

Claims 10 - 17 (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Amended) A language learning system, comprising:  
a set of characters, each character being associated with a predetermined phoneme of a language, and having a character name including the phoneme; and  
a learning device configured to display at least one of the characters along with an associated letter and pronunciation symbol corresponding to the phoneme, wherein the pronunciation symbol is separate from the letter and instructs a user how to pronounce the letter as the letter is positioned in the name of each character;  
wherein the learning device includes a disk-shaped selector.

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Claims 19 - 31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Amended) A language learning system, comprising:  
(a) at least one substrate;

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(b) at least one character disposed on said substrate and having a name formed of one or more letters of an alphabet of a language;

(c) at least one letter of the alphabet of the language disposed on said substrate and being the same as one or more of the letters of the alphabet of the language forming said name of said character; and

(d) at least one pronunciation symbol of the language disposed on said substrate which corresponds to the pronunciation of said at least one letter of the alphabet of the language of said system, wherein the pronunciation symbol is separate from the letter and instructs a user how to pronounce the letter as the letter is positioned in the name of the character.

Claims 33 - 56 (Cancelled)

57. (Currently amended) The language learning system of claim 9, wherein the language learning device includes ~~[body-having]~~ a selection pane through which a user may view a selected letter on ~~[a-phoneme]~~ the selector.

58. (Currently amended) The language learning system of claim 57, wherein the selection pane is adapted to enable a user to view a selected character and a selected letter of the ~~[phoneme]~~ selector.

59. (Cancelled)

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60. (Currently Amended) A language learning system, comprising:

first[-] and second[-~~and third~~] selector substrates, each selector substrate including ~~{five or more}~~ three or more character regions, each character region including indicia showing a unique character icon and at least one letter from a name associated with the character icon, the character icon and letter forming a graphical unit that represents a single pronunciation of the letter as used in the character name, and that does not represent any other possible pronunciation of the letter;

wherein the first selector substrate contains all letters necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters on the first selector substrate indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names on the first selector substrate; and

wherein first and second selector substrates contain all letters necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the second selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters on the first and second selector substrates indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names on the second selector substrate; ~~{and}~~

~~{wherein first, second, and third selector substrates contain all letters necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the third selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters on the first, second and third selector substrates indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of~~

~~the character names on the third selector substrate].~~

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61. (Previously Added) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein each letter that has only a single possible pronunciation is shown on the selector substrates to be paired with a single, unique character icon; and

wherein each letter that has more than one possible pronunciation appears in a plurality of character regions on the selector substrates, in each character region the letter being paired with a different character icon for each pronunciation;

such that each letter paired with a unique character icon forms a graphical unit that represents a unique pronunciation of the letter.

62. (New) The language learning system of claim 60, wherein the first and second substrates are displayed on a display of a computing device.

63. (New) The language learning system of claim 32, wherein the substrate is displayed on a computerized learning device.

64. (New) The language learning system of claim 32, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of a card, block, doll, disk, wheel, and cone.

65. (New) The language learning system of claim 32, wherein the substrate is coupled to a body of language learning device.

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66. (New) The language learning system of claim 65, wherein the body contains a target window, the target window being configured to display a target.

67. (New) The language learning system of claim 66, wherein the substrate is adjustable to spell the target.

68. (New) The language learning system of claim 32, further comprising a selection pane configured to display a selected portion of the substrate.

69. (New) The language learning system of claim 68, wherein the substrate includes a plurality of character regions, each region including an associated character, letter, and pronunciation symbol, and wherein the selection pane is adjustable to display at least one of the plurality of different character regions of the substrate.

70. (New) A computerized language learning device comprising a central processing unit linked to a display, the central processing unit being configured to execute software to cause the display to display an image of the following:

first and second selector substrates, each selector substrate including three or more character regions, each character region including indicia showing a unique character icon and at least one letter from a name associated with the character icon, the character icon and letter forming a graphical unit that represents a single pronunciation of the letter as used in

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the character name, and that does not represent any other possible pronunciation of the letter;

wherein the first selector substrate contains all letters necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the first selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters on the first selector substrate indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names on the first selector substrate; and

wherein first and second selector substrates contain all letters necessary to spell each of the character names of the character icons on the second selector substrate, and wherein the graphical units formed by the character icons and letters on the first and second selector substrates indicate all pronunciations necessary to correctly pronounce each of the character names on the second selector substrate.

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